

Community Assistance

EFC Program Guide

**Low-Cost Capital, Grants and
Expert Technical Assistance
to Help Your Community
Undertake Critical Water
Infrastructure Projects**



**Environmental
Facilities Corporation**

We Fund NYS Water Infrastructure

About EFC

EFC's mission is to assist communities throughout New York State to undertake critical water quality infrastructure projects by providing access to low-cost capital, grants and expert technical assistance.

A primary goal is to ensure that these projects remain affordable while safeguarding essential water resources. We support this mission by consistently using an innovative approach to developing and advancing new financing strategies to maximize the funding that can be made available to our clients, aiding compliance with Federal and State requirements, and promoting green infrastructure practices.

Technical Assistance

Step by step support to help you access state and federal funding



Consultation about eligibility and program benefits



Support in listing your project on the Intended Use Plan



Grants to help prepare an engineering report



Help to complete grant and financing applications



Creative funding solutions that make sense for your community



Guidance on state and federal public funding requirements

Financing Programs

Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)

Interest-free or low-interest financing for wastewater and sewer infrastructure projects

CWSRF provides interest-free or low-interest rate financing for wastewater and sewer infrastructure projects to municipalities throughout New York State.

EFC provides both short and long-term financing, interest-free or low interest to accommodate municipalities of all population sizes with varying financial needs.

Eligible Projects

- Treatment Works
- Non-Point Source
- National Estuary Conservation & Management Plan
- Decentralized Systems
- Recycled Water & Water Re-Use



Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF)

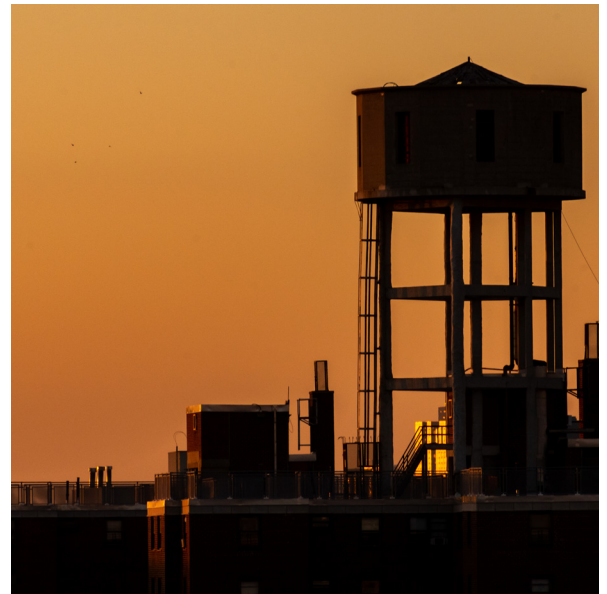
Interest-free or low-interest financing for drinking water infrastructure projects

DWSRF provides financial assistance for drinking water projects. Examples include, but are not limited to not limited to sources, treatment, storage, transmission and distribution.

The DWSRF is administered jointly by EFC with the State Department of Health. EFC administers the financial aspects of the DWSRF.

Eligible Projects

- Provide Public with Safe Drinking Water
- Upgrade or Replace Drinking Water Infrastructure
- Address Non-Compliance with Federal or State Health Standards
- Prevent Future Violations of Federal or State Health Standards



Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) & State Revolving Funds (SRF)

Funding from the federal BIL is administered through the SRFs. There are pools of funding for each SRF.

CWSRF BIL Funding Pools

General Supplemental (GS)

This funding supports the same CWSRF eligible projects

- Grant funding up to 50% of eligible project costs, net of non-EFC grants, up to a maximum amount of \$25 million
- Project must be listed above the Hardship Funding Line in IUP Category D

Emerging Contaminants (EC)

Eligibility for this funding includes construction costs on CWSRF eligible projects whose primary purpose is to address emerging contaminants.

- Grant funding up to 100% of eligible project costs, up to a maximum amount of \$25 million
- Additional subsidy will be offered in Project Priority Score order



The City of Newburgh's microtunneling project was the first to receive BIL funding for water infrastructure in New York State.

DWSRF BIL Funding Pools

General Supplemental (GS)

This funding supports the DWSRF eligible project for state-defined disadvantaged communities.

- Grant funding up to 70% of eligible project costs, net of non-EFC grants, but not to exceed \$5 million
- Eligible projects may be awarded additional subsidy and interest-free financing

Emerging Contaminants (EC)

Funding for DWSRF eligible projects with the primary purpose to address emerging contaminants in drinking water, with a focus on PFAS.

- Grant funding up to 100% of eligible project costs, net of non-EFC grants, but not to exceed \$5 million for disadvantaged communities
- Grant funding up to 70% of eligible project costs, net of non-EFC grants, but not to exceed \$5 million for non-disadvantaged communities

Lead Service Line Replacement (LSLR)

Funding for DWSRF eligible projects that replace or are associated with an LSLR project or activity directly connected to the identification, planning, design, and replacement of lead service lines.

- Grant funding up to 70% for replacement, not to exceed \$10 million
- Grant funding up to 100% for inventory, not to exceed \$2 million

EFC Grant Programs

Engineering Planning Grant (EPG)

Helps hardship communities develop an Engineering Report for the initial planning of an eligible CWSRF project, which is required for listing in the Intended Use Plan (IUP). Grants for up to \$100,000 are available for inflow/infiltration studies required by enforcement action and up to \$50,000 for all other projects.

Green Infrastructure Grant Program (GIGP)

Supports projects that utilize EPA-designated green stormwater infrastructure design and create cutting-edge green technologies. Competitive grants are awarded annually to projects that improve water quality and mitigate the effects of climate change through the implementation of one or more of the following green practices:

- Green Stormwater Infrastructure
- Energy Efficiency
- Water Efficiency
- Environmental Innovation

Water Infrastructure Improvement Grants (WIIA)

Clean Water Projects:

Available for sewage treatment works projects. Stormwater scope only eligible if related to sanitary sewer. Municipalities will be awarded 25% of total net eligible project costs, including phases of the project, up to \$25 million. Grants administered through EFC will not be used to calculate net eligible project costs (GIGP, CWSRF).

Drinking Water Projects:

Municipalities will be awarded 60% of total net eligible project costs, including the costs for all phases of the project, up to \$5 million. The maximum a municipality can receive is \$5 million in DWSRF grant and/or WIIA grant per year.

Projects addressing an emerging contaminant above the State determined Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) may be awarded 60% of total net eligible project costs. There is no cap for awarded projects that address emerging contaminants above the MCL.



Intermunicipal Grant Program (IMG)

Available for both Clean Water and Drinking Water projects.

For projects that are undertaken by multiple municipalities jointly. One municipality must be the lead municipality and apply on behalf of all cooperating municipalities and they must have a current, valid, and binding project Intermunicipal Agreement (IMA) between at least two cooperating municipalities related to the financing and implementation of the project. Awards up to 40% of net eligible costs, up to \$30 million for projects like consolidation of intermunicipal facilities or the interconnection of multiple municipal water systems.

More NYS Grant Programs

Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Grant Programs

Water Quality Improvement Project (WQIP) Program

A statewide competitive reimbursement grant program for projects that will directly improve water quality or aquatic habitat or protect a drinking water source. WQIP has four types of eligible applicants: municipalities, municipal corporations, soil and water conservation districts and not-for-profits.

Eligible projects: Wastewater Treatment Improvement; Non-agricultural Nonpoint Source Abatement and Control; Land Acquisition for Source Water Protection; Salt Storage; Aquatic Connectivity Restoration; Marine District Habitat Restoration

Non-Agricultural Nonpoint Source Planning & MS4 Mapping Grant (NPG)

Provides funding for planning reports for nonpoint source water quality improvement projects and mapping of Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s). The program aims to prepare nonpoint source projects for construction and application for implementation funding, and to encourage and support cooperation among regulated MS4s to complete mapping of their stormwater system.

Watershed Specific Grants

Provides funding to implement priorities

You may be interested in grant programs from EFC's partner agencies. The following programs are not administered by EFC. For complete information, please contact the agencies listed.

outlined in watershed specific plans, reports, and agendas aimed at conserving, preserving and restoring the environmental quality of a watershed while managing the resources of a watershed for a sustainable future.

Homes and Community Renewal (HCR) Grant Programs

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Provides funding with the intent of ensuring that communities throughout the state are viable by providing decent housing and suitable living environments for low- and moderate-income persons, and that at least 70% of NYS CDBG funds used for activities benefiting low- and moderate-income persons and meets one of the following objectives: Benefits low- and moderate-income persons; Aids in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight; Meets an urgent community development need.

Eligible projects can include: Public Infrastructure Activities; Public Facility Activities; Economic Development Activities; Housing Activities; Community Planning Activities.